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**IDS CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

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English-language Abstracts of DE 195 00 683, DE 101 36 275, Pfohl et al. and Linke are attached hereto.

U.S. Patent No. 5,454,472 is an English-language counterpart of DE 4 127 405. U.S. Patent No. 6,492,175 is an English-language counterpart of DE 19 859 459. WO 01/31315 corresponds to DE 19 952 322 and includes an English-language abstract.

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The reference(s) was/were cited in the International Search Report of the counterpart international application of this national stage application. As noted on the Notice of Acceptance, the PTO received from the international office a copy of the International Search Report. Thus, a copy of the Report is not attached.

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